

Mr. ARMSTRONG, M.P. (Chairman).—I have the following letter from the members of the Press as to the meeting in the Railway Committee room:—

DEAR MR. ARMSTRONG,—As the public interest is served by full and comprehensive reports of the Special Committee dealing with the Railway Bill, the Press Gallery would very much appreciate it if you could arrange that the meetings of that committee, especially when delegations are being heard, should be held in the Railway Committee room of the Commons. It would also be more convenient for Members and Senators generally. In the Senate room the space is crowded and there is absolutely no accommodation for the press. We feel sure that Senator Young would acquiesce in this suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. BISHOP,
FRED. LANDON,
PAUL BILKEY (on behalf of ourselves and others).

J. E. ARMSTRONG, Esq., M.P.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, M.P. (Chairman).—We will deal with that at the next sitting. I have also a letter from Mr. R. McKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. It is as follows:—

WINNIPEG, MAN., May 23, 1914.

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman of the Commons Committee,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of the 20th inst., urging me to appear before a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons who have the consolidation of the Railway Act under consideration. I did not receive the telegram from you which you state you sent under the same date as letter.

I would be very pleased of an opportunity to appear on behalf of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association before the Committee on the important question of the consolidation of the Railway Act, more especially clause 358 of the Bill to which you drew my attention. It appears to me that the Railway Commission or any other body have not effective control on export rates unless that same body can also control the rates on vessels that are a part of a through transportation system. It is a simple matter of bookkeeping for the railways to apportion a loss made on the railway, and make up on the water portion of the through system.

Wire if my travelling expenses will be paid if I appear before the Committee.

Yours very truly,

R. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, M.P. (Chairman).—I have also a communication from the Montreal Board of Trade asking to be notified when they can be heard.

Senator WATSON.—Was not some representation to be made from Montreal and Toronto?

Mr. ARMSTRONG, M.P. (Chairman).—Yes, but they are not here. In reference to my proposed amendment to Clause 358 of this Bill I should like to read a few extracts from some of the numerous letters I have received asking that this legislation be